

Wednesday, September 23, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Consumer Bankruptcy Reform Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10739–S10864

Measures Introduced: Two bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2512 and 2513 and S. Res. 281. **Pages S10841**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Special Report on Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for fiscal year 1999. (S. Rept. No. 105–345) **Page S10841**

Measures Passed:

Consumer Bankruptcy Reform Act: By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 284), Senate passed H.R. 3150, to amend title 11, United States Code, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1301, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S10739–89**

Adopted:

Lott (for Grassley/Hatch) Amendment No. 3559, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10739–67**

Dodd Amendment No. 3614 (to Amendment No. 3559), to improve certain bankruptcy procedures relating to the protection of savings earmarked for the postsecondary education of children. **Pages S10740–42**

Kohl Amendment No. 3599 (to Amendment No. 3559), to express the sense of the Senate regarding misuse of the homestead exemption to the bankruptcy laws. **Pages S10742–43**

Feinstein/Durbin/Jeffords Amendment No. 3615 (to Amendment No. 3559), to provide for a study and report by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System regarding credit industry practices. **Pages S10743–46**

Grassley Amendment No. 3617 (to Amendment No. 3559), to require a study regarding the adequacy of information received by consumers regarding the creation of security interests under open end credit plans, to amend provisions relating to a

warehouseman's lien for handling of goods, to amend provisions relating to trustee compensation, and to further modify Amendment No. 3595, as previously agreed to. **Pages S10762–63**

Rejected:

Harkin Amendment No. 3616 (to Amendment No. 3559), to express the sense of the Congress regarding the reduction of the Federal Funds rate by the Federal Open Market Committee. (By 71 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. 283), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S10749–54**

Pursuant to the order of September 11, 1998, the Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Hatch, Grassley, Sessions, Leahy, and Durbin. **Pages S10786–87**

Authorizing Testimony: Senate agreed to S. Res. 281, to authorize testimony and representation of employees of the Senate in *United States v. Alphonso Michael Espy*. **Page S10858**

FAA Authorizations: Senate began consideration of S. 2279, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize the programs of the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S10800–14, S10817–19, S10823–33**

Adopted:

McCain/Ford Amendment No. 3618, to make certain minor additions and corrections to the bill. **Page S10817**

Roth/Moynihan Amendment No. 3621, to extend the Airport and Airway Trust Fund expenditure authority. **Pages S10823–24**

McCain (for Snowe) Amendment No. 3623, to provide increased civil penalties for violation of the prohibition against discrimination against handicapped individuals. **Pages S10831–32**

McCain (for Snowe) Amendment No. 3624, to require human weather observers for Automated Surface Observation System stations until the automated system reports consistently on changing conditions.

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McCain (for Snowe) Amendment No. 3625, to provide that communities participating in the community-carrier air service program will be selected from all regions of the country.

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McCain/Ford Amendment No. 3626, to make technical corrections.

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Pending:

Inhofe Amendment No. 3620, to provide for the immediate application of certain orders relating to the amendment, modification, suspension, or revocation of certificates under chapter 447 of title 49, United States Code.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Thursday, September 24, 1998.

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report concerning the continuation of the national emergency with respect to UNITA; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Affairs. (PM–159).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Denise E. O'Donnell, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of New York for the term of four years.

17 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Army and Foreign Service.

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Messages From the President:

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Authority for Committees:

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—284).

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thurs-

day, September 24, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10859.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FORESTRY PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Forest Service's role and financial management of State and private forestry programs, after receiving testimony from Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, and Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, both of the Department of Agriculture; Kirk P. Rodgers, Falls Church, Virginia, on behalf of the Forest Landowners Association, Inc.; John Heissenbuttel, American Forest and Paper Association, Washington, D.C.; and Burnell Fischer, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters, and Lester L. Zimmer, Nature Conservancy, both of Indianapolis, Indiana.

POLIO/MEASLES ERADICATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine the progress being made toward the global eradication of polio and measles, after receiving testimony from David Satcher, Surgeon General, Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; E.M. Samba, World Health Organization, Harare, Zimbabwe; William Foege, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; and Herb Pigman, Rotary International, Ambia, Indiana.

NORTH KOREA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded closed hearings to examine North Korea's ballistic missile and weapons of mass destruction programs, after receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Director of Central Intelligence; and Lt. Gen. Patrick M. Hughes, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of John D. Hawke, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, and Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, William C. Apgar, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary for Housing and Federal Housing Administrator, Cardell Cooper, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, and Harold Lucas, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary for Public and

Indian Housing, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Hawke was introduced by Representative Leach, Mr. Ramirez was introduced by Senator Gramm, and Messrs. Cooper and Lucas were introduced by Senator Lautenberg and Representative Payne.

GLOBAL ECONOMY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of the global economic slowdown may have on the United States economy, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board; and Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

CHILDREN'S ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications concluded hearings on S. 2326, to require the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe regulations to protect the privacy of personal information collected from and about children on the Internet, and to provide greater parental control over the collection and use of that information, after receiving testimony from Robert Pitofsky, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission; Jill Lesser, America Online, Deirdre Mulligan, Center for Democracy and Technology, Kathryn Montgomery, on behalf of the Center for Media Education and Consumer Federation of America, and Arthur B. Sackler, Time Warner, Inc., all of Washington, D.C.

COMMERCIAL SPACE TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine United States commercial space launch industry activities, after receiving testimony from Gary R. Bachula, Acting Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology; Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; John E. Graykowski, Deputy Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation; Arthur Money, Senior Civilian Official, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Gregory G. Randolph, Goldman, Sachs and Co., New York, New York; Jerry Rising, Lockheed Martin Corporation, and Stephen G. Wurst, Space Access LLC, both of Palmdale, California; Gale Schluter, Boeing Company, Arlington, Virginia; and John W. Vinter, International Space Brokers, Inc., Rosslyn, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2257, to authorize funds through fiscal years 2004 for the National Historic Preservation Act, with amendments;

S. 2284, to establish the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2142, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey the facilities of the Pine River Project, to allow jurisdictional transfer of lands between the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, and the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, with an amendment;

S. 777, to authorize the construction of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System and to authorize assistance to the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for planning and construction of the water supply system, with amendments;

S. 2117, to authorize the construction of the Perkins County Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system, with amendments;

S. 744, to authorize the construction of the Fall River Water Users District Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Fall River Water Users District, a non-profit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system, with amendments;

S. 2041, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Willow Lake Natural Treatment System Project for the reclamation and reuse of water within Salem, Oregon;

S. 2140, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Denver Water Reuse project;

H.R. 2402, to make technical and clarifying amendments to improve management of water-related facilities in the Western United States, with amendments;

H.R. 3687, to authorize prepayment of amounts due under a water reclamation project contract for the Canadian River Project, Texas, with an amendment;

H.R. 4079, to authorize the construction of temperature control devices at Folsom Dam in California;

H.R. 4166, to amend the Idaho Admission Act regarding the sale or lease of school land;

S. 1175, to reauthorize the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Citizen Advisory Commission for 10 additional years;

S. 1641, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study alternatives for establishing a national historic trail to commemorate and interpret the history of women's rights in the United States, with amendments;

S. 1960, to allow the National Park Service to acquire certain land for addition to the Wilderness Battlefield, as previously authorized by law, by purchase or exchange as well as by donation, with an amendment;

S. 2133, to designate former United States Route 66 as "America's Main Street" and authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance, with an amendment;

S. 2239, to revise the boundary of Fort Matanzas National Monument;

S. 2240, to establish the Adams National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with an amendment;

S. 2241, to provide for the acquisition of lands formerly occupied by the Franklin D. Roosevelt family at Hyde Park, New York;

S. 2246, to amend the Act which established the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by modifying the boundary;

S. 2247, to permit the payment of medical expenses incurred by the U.S. Park Police in the performance of duty to be made directly by the National Park Service;

S. 2248, to allow for waiver and indemnification in mutual law enforcement agreements between the National Park Service and a state or political subdivision, when required by State law;

S. 2285, to establish a commission, in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Seneca Falls Convention, to further protect sites of importance in the historic efforts to secure equal rights for women;

S. 2297, to provide for the distribution of certain publications in units of the National Park System under a sales agreement between the Secretary of the Interior and a private contractor, with an amendment;

S. 2309, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement for the construction and operation of the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

S. 2401, to authorize the addition of the Paoli Battlefield site in Malvern, Pennsylvania, to Valley

Forge National Historical Park, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2411, to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission;

S. 991, to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996;

S. 2468, to designate the Biscayne National Park visitor center as the Dante Fascell Visitor Center at Biscayne National Park in Florida, with an amendment;

S. 2086, to revise the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument in Virginia, with an amendment;

S. 2136, to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Washington, with an amendment;

S. 736, to convey certain real property within the Carlsbad Project in New Mexico to the Carlsbad Irrigation District, with an amendment;

S. 2500, to protect the sanctity of contracts and leases entered into by surface patent holders with respect to coalbed methane gas, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Charles G. Groat, of Texas, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, and Gregory H. Friedman, of Colorado, to be Inspector General, Department of Energy.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of J. Charles Fox, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator for Water, Romulo L. Diaz, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management, and Norine E. Noonan, of Florida, to be Assistant Administrator for Research and Development, all of the Environmental Protection Agency;

H.R. 8, to amend the Clean Air Act to deny entry into the United States of certain foreign motor vehicles that do not comply with State laws governing motor vehicles emissions;

S. 555, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require that at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund be distributed to States to carry out cooperative agreements for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2351, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System, with an amendment;

S. 2469, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System, with an amendment;

S. 2470, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make technical corrections to a map relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System, with an amendment;

S. 2474, A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to make corrections to certain maps relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System, with an amendment; and

S. 2505, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey title to the Tunnison Lab Hagerman Field Station in Gooding County, Idaho, to the University of Idaho, with an amendment.

PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE CONSOLIDATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded hearings to examine the Patent and Trademark Office plan to consolidate its facilities and operations, after receiving testimony from Robert A. Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary and Commissioner, and Jo-Anne Barnard, Director for Space Acquisition, both of the Patents and Trademark Office, and Johnnie E. Frazier, Acting Inspector General, all of the Department of Commerce; Michael K. Kirk, American Intellectual Property Law Association, Arlington, Virginia; Peter J. Sepp, National Taxpayers Union, Alexandria, Virginia; David E. Williams, Citizens Against Government Waste, and Allan V. Burman, Jefferson Solutions, both of Washington, D.C.; and Samuel R. Collins, Deva & Associates, Bethesda, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Richard Henry Jones, of Nebraska, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kazakhstan, Robert Patrick John Finn, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan, John Shattuck, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and Michael J. Sullivan, of Wyoming, to be Ambassador to Ireland, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Shattuck was introduced by Senator Kerry, and Mr. Sullivan was introduced by Senators Enzi and Thomas.

INFORMATION SECURITY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine the status of computer security in the Federal Government, focusing on computer security weaknesses at the Social Security Administration and the Department of Veterans Affairs, receiving testimony from James G. Huse, Jr., Acting Inspector General, Ed Ryan, Special Agent in Charge (New York Field Office), and John R. Dyer, Principal Deputy Commissioner, all of the Social Security Administration; Gene L. Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, Robert F. Dacey, Director for Consolidated Audits and Computer Security Issues, and Keith Rhodes, Technical Director for Computers and Telecommunications, all of the Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office; and Harold F. Gracey, Jr., Acting Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Information and Technology.

Committee recessed subject to call.

RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights concluded hearings to examine the intent of the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which provides the right to keep and bear arms, after receiving testimony from Senator Smith; Charlton Heston, Beverly Hills, California, on behalf of the National Rifle Association of America; Dennis A. Henigan, Handgun Control, Inc., on behalf of the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, and Robert J. Cottrol, George Washington University School of Law, both of Washington, D.C.; Carl T. Bogus, Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, Rhode Island; Joyce Lee Malcolm, Bentley College, Waltham, Massachusetts; Robert J. Spitzer, State University of New York, Cortland; Eugene Volokh, University of California at Los Angeles Law School, Los Angeles, California; and Stephen P. Halbrook, Fairfax, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products;

H.R. 1023, to provide for compassionate payments with regard to individuals with blood-clotting disorders, such as hemophilia, who contracted human immunodeficiency virus due to contaminated blood products; and

The nominations of Ida L. Castro, of New York, Paul M. Igasaki, of California and Paul Steven Miller, of California, each to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Henry L. Solano, of Colorado, to be Solicitor of the Department of Labor, Joy Harjo, of New Mexico, and Joan Specter, of Pennsylvania, each to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, Joseph E. Stevens Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, Jane E. Henney, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, and Patricia T. Montoya,

of New Mexico, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, and Thomasina V. Rogers, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again on Thursday, Oct. 1.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4607–4616; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 329, were introduced.

Pages H8527–28

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1154, to provide for administrative procedures to extend Federal recognition to certain Indian groups, amended (H. Rept. 105–737);

H.R. 4578, to amend the Social Security Act to establish the Protect Social Security Account into which the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit budget surpluses until a reform measure is enacted to ensure the long-term solvency of the OASDI trust funds, amended (H. Rept. 105–738);

H.R. 4579, to provide tax relief for individuals, families, and farming and other small businesses, to provide tax incentives for education, to extend certain expiring provisions, amended (H. Rept. 105–739);

H. Res. 549, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3616, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 1999 (H. Rept. 105–740); and

H. Res. 550, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4112, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–741).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Warren Blakeman of Monroe, Louisiana.

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United States Nuclear Weapons Expertise: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he appointed Henry W. Kendall, Ph.D. of Massachusetts

to the Commission on Maintaining United States Nuclear Weapons Expertise.

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Holocaust Assets in the United States: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he appointed Representatives Maloney of Connecticut and Sherman to the Presidential Advisory Commission on Holocaust Assets in the United States.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act: H.R. 1481, amended, to amend the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990 to provide for implementation of recommendations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service contained in the Great Lakes Fishery Restoration Study Report. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H8465–69

Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma Federal Indian Services Restoration Act: H.R. 2314, amended, to restore Federal Indian services to members of the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma residing in Maverick County, Texas, to clarify United States citizenship status of such members, to provide trust land for the benefit of the Tribe. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H8469–70

Gallatin Land Consolidation Act: H.R. 3381, amended, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to exchange land and other assets with Big Sky Lumber Co. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H8470–73

Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument Completion Act: H.R. 1659, amended, to provide for the expeditious completion of the acquisition of private mineral interests within the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument mandated by the 1982 Act that established the Monument;

Pages H8473–74

Bicentennial of Lewis and Clark Expedition: H. Res. 144, amended, to express support for the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition (agreed to by a recorded vote of 416 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 454); Pages H8474–77, H8505–06

Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: H.R. 2000, amended, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to make certain clarifications to the land bank protection provisions; Pages H8477–88

Technical Corrections in Laws Relating to Native Americans: H.R. 4068, amended, to make certain technical corrections in laws relating to Native Americans; Pages H8488–90

Diplomatic Relations with Pacific Island Nations: H. Res. 505, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the importance of diplomatic relations with the Pacific Island nations (agreed to by a recorded vote of 414 ayes with 1 voting no, Roll No. 455); Pages H8490–93, H8506

Condemning Atrocities by Serbian Police against Albanians: H. Con. Res. 315, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress condemning the atrocities by Serbian police and military forces against Albanians in Kosova and urging that blocked assets of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) under control of the United States and other governments be used to compensate the Albanians in Kosova for losses suffered through Serbian police and military action (agreed to by a yeas and nay vote of 410 yeas with none voting “nay” and 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 456); Pages H8493–95, H8506–07

Richard C. Lee United States Courthouse: S. 1355, amended, to designate the United States courthouse located in New Haven, Connecticut, as the “Richard C. Lee United States Courthouse”. Agreed to amend the title—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H8495–96, H8507

Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse: H.R. 81, to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the “Robert K. Rodibaugh United States Bankruptcy Courthouse”; Pages H8496–97, H8507

Noncitizen Benefit and Other Technical Amendments Act: H.R. 4558, amended, to make technical amendments to clarify the provision of benefits for noncitizens, and to improve the provision of unemployment insurance, child support, and supplemental security income benefits. Pages H8498–H8501

Recess: The House recessed at 4:30 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m. Page H8501

Privileged Resolution: By a yeas and nays vote of 340 yeas to 71 nays, Roll No. 453, the House agreed to the LaHood motion to table H. Res. 545, impeaching Kenneth W. Starr, an independent counsel of the United States appointed pursuant to 28 United States Code section 593(b), of high crimes and misdemeanors. Pages H8502–04

Privileged Resolution: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 546, ordering the immediate printing of the entire communication received on September 9, 1998, from an independent counsel, did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House and could not be considered at this time. Pages H8504–05

WIPO Copyright Treaties Implementation Act: The House disagreed with the Senate amendment to H.R. 2281, to amend title 17, United States Code, to implement the World Intellectual Property Organization Copyright Treaty and Performances and Phonograms Treaty, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees from the Committee on the Judiciary: Representatives Hyde, Coble, Goodlatte, Conyers and Berman; and from the Committee on Commerce: Representatives Bliley, Tauzin, and Dingell. Page H8507

Presidential Message—National Emergency with Angola: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Angola—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered be printed (H. Doc. 105–315). Page H8508

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H8463.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8529–33.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas and nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8503–04, H8505–06, H8506, and H8506–07. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture held a hearing to review the Emergency Food Assistance Program Enhancement Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Representative Hall of Ohio; Edward M. Cooney, Deputy Administrator, Special Nutrition Programs, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

MICROENTERPRISE INDUSTRY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 4179, to authorize qualified organizations to provide technical assistance and capacity building services to microenterprise development organizations and programs and to disadvantaged entrepreneurs using funds from the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund. Testimony was heard from Senator Kennedy; Representatives Rush and DeGette; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Michael Barr, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Community Development Policy; and Ellen Lazar, Director, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund; John Gray, Associate Deputy Administrator, Capital Access, SBA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on H.R. 3658 Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation Indian Reserved Rights Settlement Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from David J. Hayes, Counsel to the Secretary, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3616, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Spence and Representative Skelton.

CONFERENCE REPORT—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 4112, Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1999, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walsh and Serrano.

OVERSIGHT—GAO REPORT—NATIONAL LABORATORY MANAGEMENT REFORM

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Basic Research and the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a joint oversight hearing on the GAO Report on Department of Energy National Laboratory Management Reform. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Energy: Ernest Moniz, Under Secretary; and John P. McTague, Vice-Chairman, Laboratory Operations Board; Victor

S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Natural Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; and Charles V. Shank, Director, Ernest Orlando Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

SBA SECONDARY MARKET

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a hearing with respect to the SBA Secondary Market in Guaranteed Portion of 7(a) Loans. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. McCool, Director, Financial Institutions and Market Issues, GAO; Jane Butler, Acting Administrator, Financial Assistance, SBA; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS**

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House-passed versions of H.R. 4103, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D918)

H.R. 629, to grant the consent of the Congress to the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact. Signed September 20, 1998. (P.L. 105-236)

H.R. 4059, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. Signed September 20, 1998. (P.L. 105-237)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, to hold hearings to examine readiness challenges confronting the United States Army and Marine Forces and their ability to successfully execute the National Military Strategy, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold open and closed hearings on the report of the Commission to Assess the Ballistic Missile Threat to the United States, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold oversight hearings to examine recent Midwest electricity price spikes, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings on the nominations of Patricia T. Montoya, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department

of Health and Human Services, and David C. Williams, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine the safety of food imports, focusing on legislative, administrative and regulatory remedies, 9:30 a.m., SD-324.

Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 2:15 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold closed followed by open hearings to examine United States Capitol securities issues; and to resume markup of S. 2288, to provide for the reform and continuing legislative oversight of the production, procurement, dissemination, and permanent public access of the Government's publications, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business, to hold hearings to examine how small businesses can compete with campus bookstores, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold hearings on H.R. 1805, to amend the Auburn Indian Restoration act to establish restrictions related to gaming on and use of land held in trust for the United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria of California, and S. 2010, to provide for business development and trade promotion for Native Americans, 2 p.m., SR-485.

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House

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Securities and Government Sponsored Enterprises, oversight hearing on the Federal Housing Finance Board, 11:00 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3888, Consumer Anti-Slamming and Spamming Prevention Act; H.R. 3783, Child Online Protection Act; H.R. 563, to establish a toll-free number in the Department of Commerce to assist consumers in determining if products are American-made; H.R. 4353, International Anti-Bribery and Fair Competition Act of 1998; H.R. 4321, Financial Information Privacy Act of 1998; H.R. 3610, National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 1998; S. 439, to provide for Alaska State jurisdiction over small hydroelectric projects, to address voluntary licensing of hydroelectric projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii, to provide an exemption for portion of a hydroelectric project located in the State of Mexico; and H.R. 4081, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power

Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Arkansas, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, to continue hearings on Impediments to Union Democracy, Part IV: Rank and File Rights at the American Radio Association, 2:30 p.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Civil Service, hearing on FEHB Premium Increases for 1999, 11 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, to consider the following draft oversight reports: "Fixing the Consumer Price Index: The Bureau of Labor Statistics Needs to Develop a Long Range, Systematic Approach to CPI Improvements"; "Early Head Start: Linking Early Childhood Programs to Success"; "Hepatitis C: Silent Epidemic, Mute Public Health Response"; and "Medicare Home Health Services: No Surety in the Fight Against Fraud and Waste", 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Postal Service, to mark up H.R. 22, Postal Reform Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on U.S. Policy Toward North Korea, 2:00 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on The Future of the Western Sahara Referendum, 10:00 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the adequacy of the fiscal year 1999 Defense health program, 3:00 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, oversight hearing on Grand Canyon National Park, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 2621, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Authorities Act; H.R. 4579, Taxpayer Relief Act of 1998; and H.R. 4578, The Save Social Security Act, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Government Management of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, joint hearing on Y2K: What Every Consumer Should Know, 2:00 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on the Programs of the U.S. Maritime Administration, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development, to mark up the following: GSA Fiscal Year 1999 Leasing Program, Courthouse Construction Projects; and other pending resolutions, 9:00 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on 2000 (Y2K) biomedical device issues and their impact on the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2176, Federal Vacancies Reform Act, following which Senate will resume consideration of S. 2279, FAA Authorizations.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 24

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 4112—Legislative Branch Appropriations Conference Report (rule waiving points of order, 1 hour of debate);

Consideration of H.R. 3616—Department of Defense Authorization Conference Report (rule waiving points of order, 1 hour of debate);

Consideration of H.R. 3736—Workforce Improvement and Protection Act of 1998 (modified closed rule, 1 hour of debate); and

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